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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, having projections which in use are secured in seams to the wall.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, wherein the outer door is substantially flush with the exterior surface of the wall.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, wherein the outer door has a letter deposit flap.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 19, wherein the flap opens into a receptacle mounted on the back of the outer door.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, wherein the outer door has a deposit drawer.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, having a connection to a mains electricity supply.

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Claim 23 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 22, which includes a chilled storage compartment.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, which includes a frozen storage compartment.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A delivery box according to claim 27, having a connection to an alarm system.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): A method of delivering articles to a building equipped with a delivery box for accepting the articles which is built into an external wall of the building and has an outer door with an automatic locking system which is operable by a single-use access code, a compartment for storing the articles, and a lockable rear door for accessing the stored articles from inside the building comprising inserting a single-use code into the locking system, opening the outer door, placing the articles to be delivered in the compartment, closing the outer door so that said door automatically locks and cancels the code used for opening the outer door, opening the rear door from within the building, removing the articles from the compartment, and programming the locking system of the outer door with a new code.

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Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A delivery box adapted to be built into an external wall of a building and having an outer door which is provided with a digital computerized locking system adapted to be operated only by a pre-arranged single-use access code whereby said outer door can be opened and deliveries placed inside the box, ~~said system being also adapted, when said outer door is then closed, to lock automatically and to cancel the code used for opening said outer door after every use~~ and also provided with a mechanism which is engaged when the door is in its fully closed position whereby every time the mechanism is re-engaged a signal is sent to a controller of the locking system, causing cancellation of the code as well as automatic locking of the door; and a rear door openable directly into, and lockable from, the interior of the building.